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Though the day on which the Mayor's bill will come to its own limitation is rapidly approaching, now but a month distant, the town of an effort to re-enact it in a modified form. On various occasions the aldermen have given approval of the principles and aims, and their desire that it should be enacted, but they have dutifully at least, to prove the same. With a view to satisfying the Chicago on the subject directed to call upon leaders of the two parties while the November election, in order to get their views and intentions. Inquiries to this clear aim, and, however, strongly they might would exert little or no influence.

SENTIMENTS OF THE COUNCIL.

The first person called upon was Mr. Boardman, who, as a candidate for Mayor at the time who was understood, prior to been in favor of the bill, but his views since then. The first took place between him and Mr. Boardman—Do you favor the Mayor's bill?

Mr. Board—I think some should be re-enacted.

Reporter—Why are you in favor of it?

Mr. Board—Because it is a Reporter—Have you always been in favor of it?

Mr. Board—It puts too many Mayor's hands, if he assumes the Mayor's Police, for instance, trouble.

Reporter—With a good Mayor, would Mayor it is a bad thing to you mean?

Mr. Board—Yes, There are alterations in a bill of that kind, but I don't think it is a quarrel between the Mayor and the Council.

Reporter—In the present it is likely to foster disturbances?

Mr. Board—Yes, it is bound to do so. Do you think it is re-enacted?

Mr. Board—My impression is that it is not founded on any information.

Reporter—Is there a move made to re-enact it?

Mr. Board—Not to my knowledge.

Reporter—What features in favor of it?

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Mr. Board—Well, I think the Mayor is to vote himself in with the Council, and it is served. That is about the only thing there is too much uncertainty in it. It is a bill to charge anybody from office except by the people, any member of the Council, or any other person, and the people and those who are trustworthy is provoked, some put in the Council and others out. Reporter—In your opinion, is it fair?

Mr. Board—In government, matters are always bad. If you think of it, confusion is made. Reporter—What do you think of the present City Council?

Mr. Board—I think it should be organized, and the old member of a Board, he is to be removed, and removed at the discretion of the responsibility of the Council, and thrown upon some one, and head and a system in the municipal affairs.

AID. QUIT.

The reporter, while present across Ald. Quirk's party, and a supporter of the bill on this subject are as follows:

Reporter—What do you think of the bill?

Ald. Quirk—I am opposed to it, because it places too much power in the hands of the Council.

Reporter—Why have you changed your mind?

Ald. Quirk—Well, I favored the law, because there was no law, because there is now.

Reporter—Are the old friends really opposed to its re-enactment?

Ald. Quirk—Yes, I think they are. I think they are old friends had no objection to it, but in was in office, because he was a man of ability and good judgment, and had men in the order would ensue.

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Sentiments of the Cook County Delegation.

What the Bill Did for Orleans and Other Places.

Through the day on which the act known as the "Mayor's bill" will come to an end by its own limitation is rapidly approaching, and it is not yet a month distant, there is not any symptom of effort to revive the bill in its present or modified form. On various occasions politicians and business men have expressed their approval of the principles and workings of the act, and their desire that it should be a perpetual enactment, but they have done nothing, publicly at least, to prove the sincerity of their promises. With a view to ascertain the sentiment in Chicago on the subject, a reporter was directed to call upon leading representatives of the two parties which contested the November election, in order to ascertain their views and intentions. The following inquiries to this class alone, since business men, however strongly they might feel on the subject, would exert little or no influence at Springfield.

SENTIMENTS OF CHICAGOANS.

The first opinion called upon was

MR. HESING, candidate for Mayor at the late election, and who was understood, prior to that time, to have been in favor of the bill, but to have changed his views after the election. The following conversation took place between him and the reporter:

Reporter—Do you favor the re-enactment of the Mayor's bill?

Mr. Hesing—I think some of its provisions should be re-enacted.

Reporter—Why are you opposed to it as a whole?

Mr. Hesing—Because it is a dangerous bill. It would give the Mayor too much power in the hands of the Mayor's friends. It would give the Mayor too much power in the hands of the Mayor's friends.

Reporter—If he assumes control of the bill, it would give the Mayor too much power in the hands of the Mayor's friends.

Mr. Hesing—Yes, that would be a limitation. It would give the Mayor too much power in the hands of the Mayor's friends.

Reporter—In its present shape you think it likely to foster disturbances?

Mr. Hesing—Yes, it is bound to.

Reporter—Do you think the Legislature will re-enact it?

Mr. Hesing—My impression is that they will not. It is not a bill that is popular.

Reporter—Is there a movement on foot to have the bill introduced in the Legislature?

Mr. Hesing—Not to my knowledge.

Reporter—What features in the bill do you support?

Mr. Hesing—I think the provision allowing the Mayor to veto items in the Appropriation bill is the only one that is valuable.

Reporter—Is there too much uncertainty about the bill?

Mr. Hesing—There is too much uncertainty about the bill. It is not a bill that is popular.

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Reporter—Are you going to Springfield to oppose its re-enactment?

Mr. O'Hara—I do not know whether I am or not.

Reporter—What objections have you to the bill?

Mr. O'Hara—Well, under the McMillan administration it was not a success, and we are best to fall back on the old way of doing things.

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Reporter—Do you know of any one who intends to go to Springfield and lobby against the re-enactment of the bill?

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Reporter—Do you think the Mayor's bill ought to be re-enacted?

Mr. O'Hara—That is a leading question, and I decline to answer it.

Reporter—Are you going to Springfield to oppose its re-enactment?

Mr. O'Hara—I do not know whether I am or not.

Reporter—What objections have you to the bill?

Mr. O'Hara—Well, under the McMillan administration it was not a success, and we are best to fall back on the old way of doing things.

Reporter—Who are "We"?

Mr. O'Hara—The people.

Reporter—Are you opposed to the whole bill?

Mr. O'Hara—I am to that portion of it giving Mayor absolute power to make removals without cause. There should be cause for de-capitating an officer. Certain removals are contemplated that I am opposed to—officers who have been long identified with their departments, and have become experts; and I think it would be neither advisable nor promoting the general interests to cut the heads of these men, simply to gratify a morbid appetite for change.

Reporter—Do you not think the clause giving power to veto items in the Appropriation bill proper one?

Mr. O'Hara—Yes, but that is a question for the Council to consider.

Reporter—Do you know of any one who intends to go to Springfield and lobby against the re-enactment of the bill?

Mr. O'Hara—No. I am going to Springfield, but not for that purpose. My experience in lobbying has taught me to avoid it, and, besides, I have no more axes to grind.

Mr. Forrest—What do you think of the Mayor's bill?

Mr. Forrest—I have nothing to say about it, one way or the other.

Reporter—Are you in favor of its extension?

